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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MONEY LAUNDERING AND CONSPIRACY CHARGES

Acting United States Attorney Robert S. Cessar announced today, February 21, 2007, that Lee Mazur, Jr., a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of Money Laundering and Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud and Bank Fraud.

Mazur, age 37, pleaded guilty to two counts before United States District Judge Kim Gibson.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Brendan T. Conway advised the court that Mazur participated in a criminal conspiracy with Christopher Fekos, who is under federal indictment. Mazur and Fekos applied for several loans using the name, social security number and other credit information of Mazur's father, without his father's knowledge or permission. In addition, Mazur and Fekos submitted fraudulent documents, including tax returns, that grossly overstated the income and assets of Mazur and his father. In addition, Mazur and Fekos engaged in Money Laundering by purchasing certified checks with funds obtained through

the fraudulent loan scheme.

Judge Gibson scheduled sentencing for June 1, 2007. The law provides for a total sentence of five years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offense and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Secret Service, and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Mazur.

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